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About half past three o'clock on Friday morning last this place was visited by another earthquake, the convulsion of which was infinitely more considerable than any previously felt; it was succeeded by several lighter ones. On Friday night there were three light ones, and we have several times felt moderate shocks. That Little Prairie is the seat of the eruptions we have every reason to believe, from the statements we have heard from travellers from that distressed part of the country; though it was not our opinion when we received Mr. Fletcher's statement, which is confirmed by all the people from that country with whom we have conversed. We are told that every individual who has it in his power to move, is doing so. Many flee precipitately with nothing but their clothes and a few blankets to shield them from the inclemency of the weather. Whole estates were offered for a single horse. We feel! let the reader feel! but we cannot describe, nor could our informants, what was felt by men of large families and small fortunes, with their helpless women and children who were not able to withdraw from this scene of dread and horror!